

# COMMUNITY ODOR MONITORING PILOT PROGRAM



## WHY?

Odor issues have been a long-standing concern for the Milpitas community and in Spring 2019, the City Council approved funding for staff to conduct a pilot odor monitoring program. This pilot odor monitoring program will assess and quantify odors potentially impacting residences and businesses. This study will collaborate with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) South Bay Odor Attribution Study, which is occurring at generally the same time. The City's program will focus on odors experienced in our community while the BAAQMD Study will focus on odors from targeted facilities and processes in and around Milpitas.

## WHAT IS IT?

The City of Milpitas is conducting a pilot odor monitoring program to gather data on the types, characteristics, and frequency of odors experienced by our community.

## WHEN?

Odor samples will be taken from various locations in the community weekly from November 2019 – October 2020. This will allow us to capture the seasonal effects and impacts of odor on the community.

## WHO?

Monitoring will be conducted by Public Works staff, with assistance from technical consultants working in coordination with the BAAQMD.

## HOW?

Staff will be using electronic odor sampling and weather monitoring equipment such as the devices pictured here.

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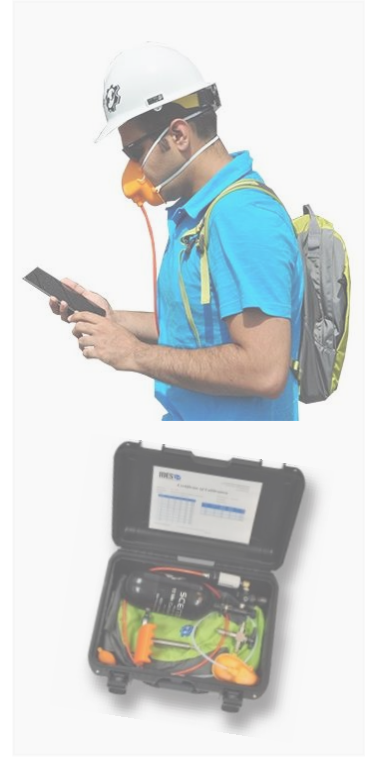
*If you detect a compost odor, you should call Local Enforcement Agency's toll free hotline:  
(408) 793-6938*

*For all other odors, you should call BAAQMD's toll free hotline:  
(800) 334-ODOR or (800) 334-6367*

*You may call these numbers at any time*

*Be sure to make the complaint immediately so the inspector can begin to trace the odor.  
Reports are being shared with City staff.*

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**For questions about this effort, contact the Public Works Department at 408-586-2600.**